



Complete Summary

TITLE

Epilepsy: the practice can produce a register of patients age 18 years and over receiving drug treatment for epilepsy.

SOURCE(S)

British Medical Association (BMA). Quality and outcomes framework guidance. London (UK): British Medical Association (BMA); 2006. 132 p.

Measure Domain

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Structure

The validity of measures depends on how they are built. By examining the key building blocks of a measure, you can assess its validity for your purpose. For more information, visit the [Measure Validity](#) page.

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess whether a practice can produce a register of patients age 18 years and over receiving drug treatment for epilepsy.

RATIONALE

Epilepsy is the most common serious neurological condition, affecting about 5 to 10 per 1000 of the population at any one time. Few epilepsies are preventable, but much of the handicap that results could be prevented by appropriate clinical management. For the purposes of the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF), epilepsy is defined as 'more than one seizure.' This measure is one of four [Epilepsy](#) measures.

The clinical indicators of epilepsy care cannot be checked unless the practice has a register of patients with epilepsy. It is proposed that the disease register includes

patients aged 18 and over as care for younger patients is generally undertaken by specialists.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Epilepsy; patient registry

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

This measure applies to practices whose patient population includes individuals with a diagnosis of epilepsy (one practice at a time).

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

The practice can produce a register of patients age 18 years and over receiving drug treatment for epilepsy.

Note: Patients who have a past history of epilepsy who are not on drug therapy should be excluded from the register.

Evidence Supporting the Measure

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY

- A formal consensus procedure involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, and organizational sciences

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement
National reporting
Pay-for-performance

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Physician Group Practices/Clinics

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Physicians

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Group Clinical Practices

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Does not apply to this measure

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Does not apply to this measure

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Does not apply to this measure

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

See "Rationale" field.

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Not within an IOM Care Need

IOM DOMAIN

Not within an IOM Domain

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Does not apply to this measure

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Does not apply to this measure

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

This measure applies to practices whose patient population includes individuals with a diagnosis of epilepsy (one practice at a time).

Exclusions

Unspecified

RELATIONSHIP OF DENOMINATOR TO NUMERATOR

Does not apply to this measure

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Does not apply to this measure

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Does not apply to this measure

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

The practice can produce a register of patients age 18 years and over receiving drug treatment for epilepsy.

Exclusions

Patients who have a past history of epilepsy who are not on drug therapy should be excluded from the register.

MEASURE RESULTS UNDER CONTROL OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR POLICYMAKERS

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Encounter or point in time

DATA SOURCE

Registry data

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Does not apply to this measure

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Categorical Variable

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Passing score defines better quality

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Does not apply to this measure

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

External comparison at a point in time
Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Epilepsy 5. The practice can produce a register of patients aged 18 and over receiving drug treatment for epilepsy.

MEASURE COLLECTION

[Quality and Outcomes Framework Indicators](#)

MEASURE SET NAME

[Epilepsy](#)

DEVELOPER

British Medical Association
National Health System (NHS) Confederation

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ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

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MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Epilepsy 5. The practice can produce a register of patients aged 18 and over receiving drug treatment for epilepsy," is published in the "Quality and outcomes framework guidance." This document is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the [British Medical Association Web site](#).

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